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STAR WARS



FROM THE JOURNALS OF
OLD BEN KENOBI

WHILE SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS IN HIS

QUEST TO BECOME A JEDI,

LUKE SKYWALKER HAS UNCOVERED A

JOURNAL WRITTEN BY JEDI MASTER

OBI-WAN KENOBI. THE JOURNAL DETAILS

KENOBI'S ADVENTURES WHILE WATCHING

OVER YOUNG LUKE ON TATOOINE,

INCLUDING WHEN JABBA THE HUTT

HIRED THE WOOKIEE BLACK KRRSANTAN TO HUNT

OBI-WAN DOWN FOR DEFEATING HIS THUGS

DURING THE GREAT DROUGHT.

WHAT FOLLOWS IS AN EXCERPT

FROM THAT JOURNAL.

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OF THE

VC'S CHRIS ELIOPOULOS
OF THE

HEATHER ANTOS
OF THE

AXEL ALONSO
OF THE

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THIS IS WHERE IT HAPPENED.

ABOUT A YEAR AGO, DURING THE GREAT DROUGHT.



FIVE OF JABBA'S SALTIER WARRIORS WERE TAKEN DOWN RIGHT HERE.

COLD-BLOODED KILLERS BEATEN SENSELESS. HARDENED WAR DROIDS SMASHED WITH GIANT ROCKS.

YET NO ONE SAW WHO DID IT. NO ONE SAW A THING.



WWWWWRGGHH!

LEAST, THAT'S WHAT THEY SCREAMED AS JABBA FED THEM TO THE RANCOR. AND WE NEVER FOUND ANY TRACE OF...

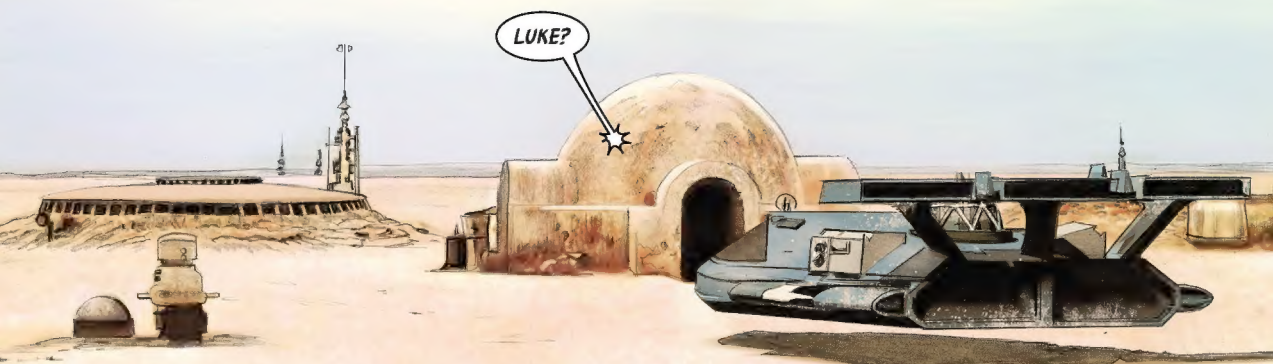
BLACK KRRSANTAN? HELLO?

IS HE EVEN--



ANY IDEA WHAT THAT MEANS?

IT MEANS I SURE WOULDN'T WANNA BE WHOEVER HE GETS HIS HANDS ON OUT HERE.



I DIDN'T KNOW IT YET,
BUT LUKE SKYWALKER HAD
RUN AWAY FROM HOME.

FOR NOT THE
FIRST TIME, OR
THE LAST.

I'LL
GO TO MOS
EISLEY.

GET ON A
SHIP. ANY SHIP.
GO ANYWHERE IN
THE GALAXY BUT
HERE.

AUNT BERU
AND UNCLE
OWEN CAN *HAVE*
TATOOINE. I'LL
TAKE...

...THE
STARS.

THOUGH, THIS
TIME, AT LEAST...
HE DIDN'T MAKE
IT FAR.

HMMH?

UNCLE
OWEN!



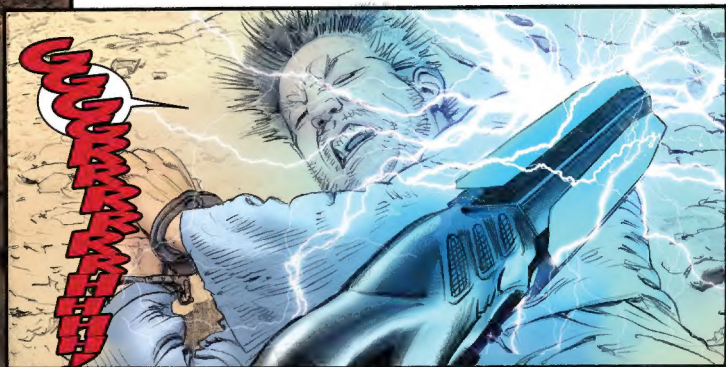




AAAAAAAAARRGGGHHH!



RRRRROOOOGGGHHH!



GGGGGGGGHHH!



RRRRRRROOOOGGGHHH!

I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT... WHY ARE YOU...

WAIT, PLEASE... I CAN'T ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, I DON'T SPEAK--



HE'S NOT ASKING YOU ANY QUESTIONS.



HE JUST
WANTED YOU TO
SCREAM.

I WAS MEDITATING
AMONG THE BANTHAS
IN THE DUNE SEA WHEN
I FELT THE DISTURBANCE
IN THE FORCE.

ATOP THE CLIFF,
I TRIED TO SLOW
MY BREATHING, TO
HIDE HOW *WINDED*
I WAS FROM THE
CLIMB.

KENOBI!

RRRGHH?



THERE WAS A
TIGHTNESS IN MY
GUTS THAT I
HADN'T FELT
IN YEARS.

FEAR.

APPARENTLY ACES
AND PAINS OF THE
BODY WEREN'T THE
ONLY THINGS THAT
WORSENERD WITH
AGE.



YOU'RE **BLACK KRRSANTAN**. THE INFAMOUS WOOKIEE BOUNTY HUNTER. I'VE HEARD OF YOU.

I KNOW WHY YOU WERE FORCED TO LEAVE KASHYYYK. AND HOW YOU'VE **DISGRACED** YOUR PEOPLE EVER SINCE.

JABBA HIRED YOU, DIDN'T HE?



WELL, HERE I AM, BOUNTY HUNTER.
I'M THE MAN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.



OR AM I.
YOU WILL LEAVE THIS PLACE AT--



RRRRWWWH!

HUUH!

I WAS REALLY
HOPING THAT WAS
GOING TO WORK.



BEN!



AND THAT I WOULDN'T EVEN
NEED THE LIGHTSABER. THE
DANGERS THAT WOULD COME
FROM OUTING MYSELF AS A JEDI
ON TATOOINE WERE SO GREAT.



I DIDN'T CARE WHAT
HAPPENED TO ME, BUT
I HAD TO MAKE SURE
THAT NO HARM WOULD
EVER COME TO...

AAAAARRRGH!

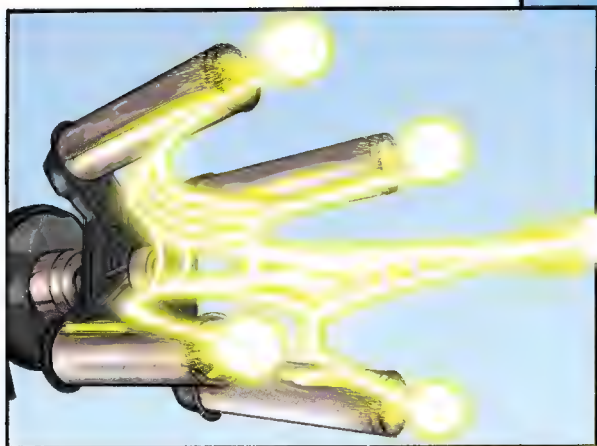
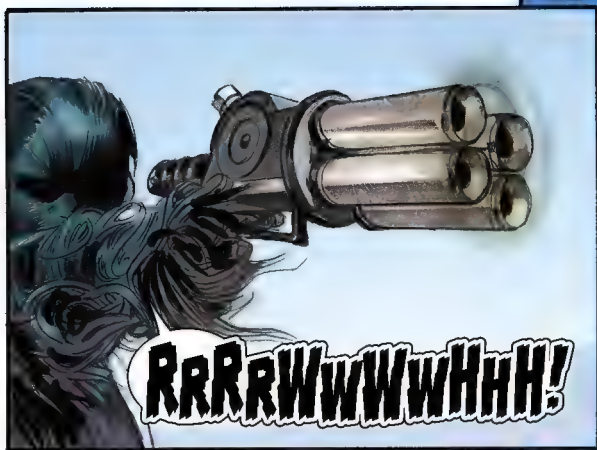
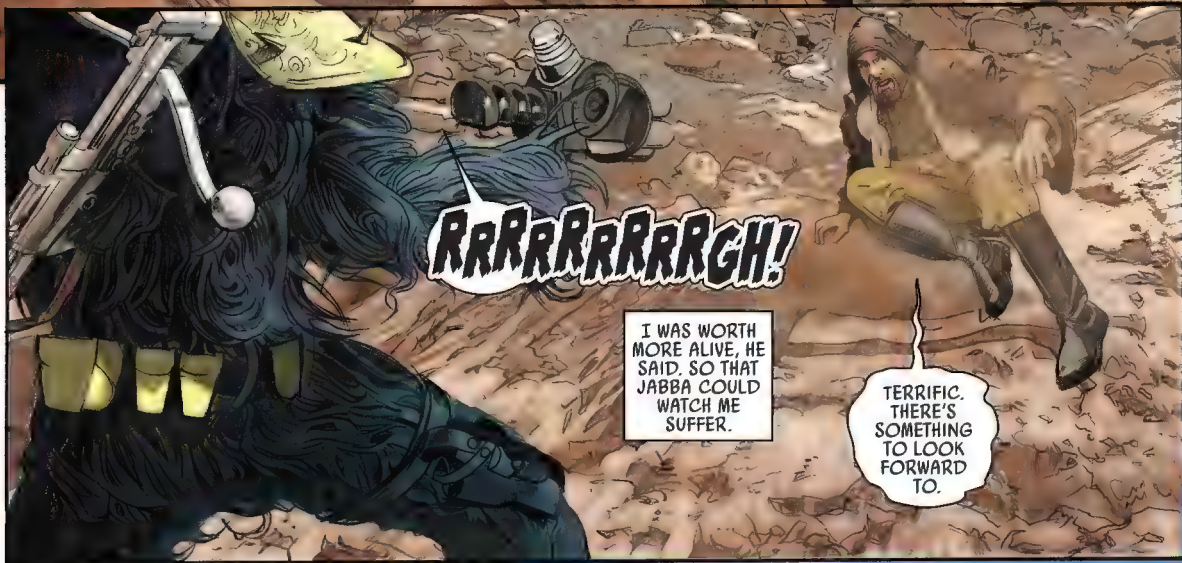
THE YEARS HAD
MADE ME A FOOL.

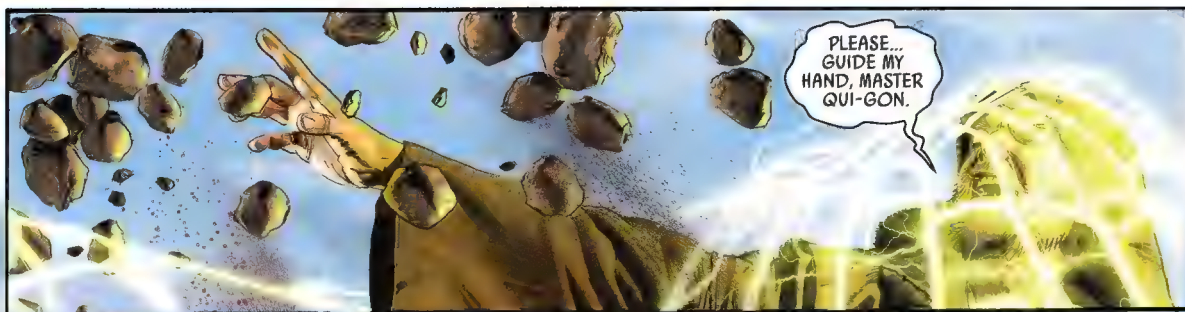
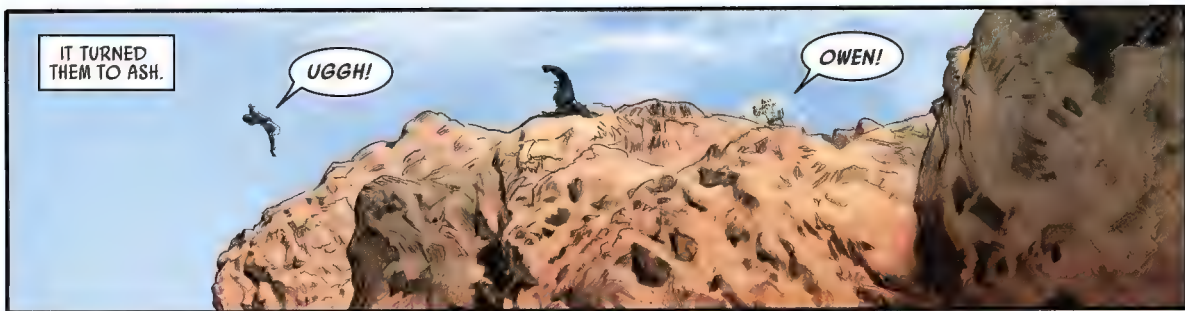
HGGHK!

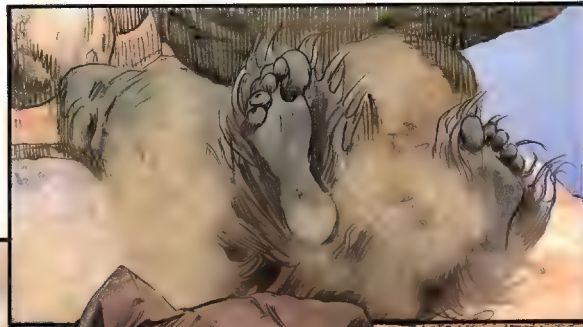
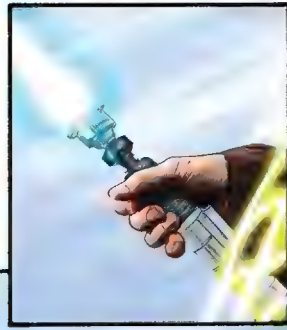
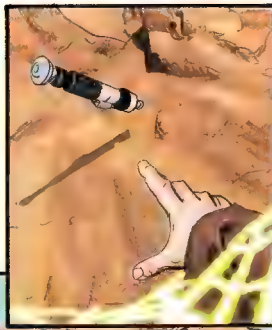
A VERY
DEAD FOOL.

RRRRRRRRROOORR!









I MIGHT HAVE BLINDED HIM WITH SOME DUST IN HIS EYES, BUT EVEN A HALF-BLIND WOOKIEE WAS STILL ENOUGH WOOKIEE TO MAKE ME PLENTY DEAD.

THE ONLY QUESTION WAS...

RRRRROOORRRR!



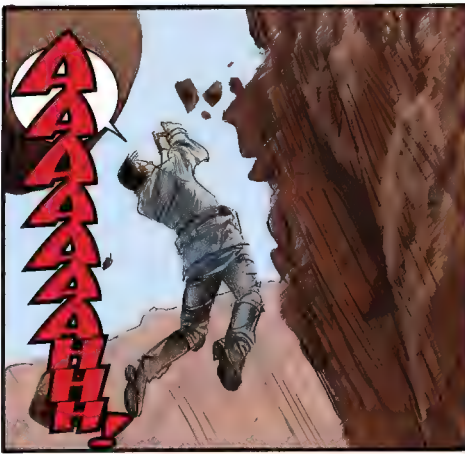
...WAS I STILL ENOUGH OF A JEDI TO STOP HIM?

W W W H O O O R R R R!



GAAAGGH!

OH, NO!
IT'S...!







IN THAT MOMENT...I
COULD FEEL THE
FORCE FLOWING
THROUGH ALL THINGS.

OWEN,
YOU HAVE
TO...



THROUGH THE BANTHAS,
LOWING IN THE DISTANCE.
THROUGH THE WOMP RATS
HIDING IN THEIR HOLES.

ALMOST...



THROUGH THE
WOOKIEE WHO
WAS TRYING SO
DESPERATELY
TO KILL ME.

UGGH!



THROUGH MY OWN
WEARY FLESH.

ALMOST
GOT...



THROUGH THE PEOPLE
I COULD NOT KEEP
FROM DANGER.

NO.

OWEN,
I'M...



THROUGH THE
MAN I COULD
NOT SAVE FROM
FALLING.

NOOOO!





NEXT TIME, LUKE...I SUGGEST NOT CUTTING IT QUITE SO CLOSE.



WWWWWOOR!

BEFORE WE FINISH HERE, KRRSANTAN, I WANT YOU TO KNOW...



...YOU ARE WITHOUT A DOUBT THE RUDEST WOOKIEE I HAVE EVER MET.



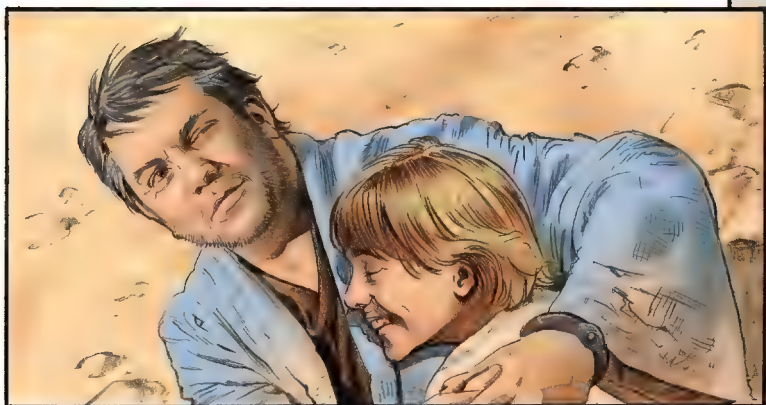
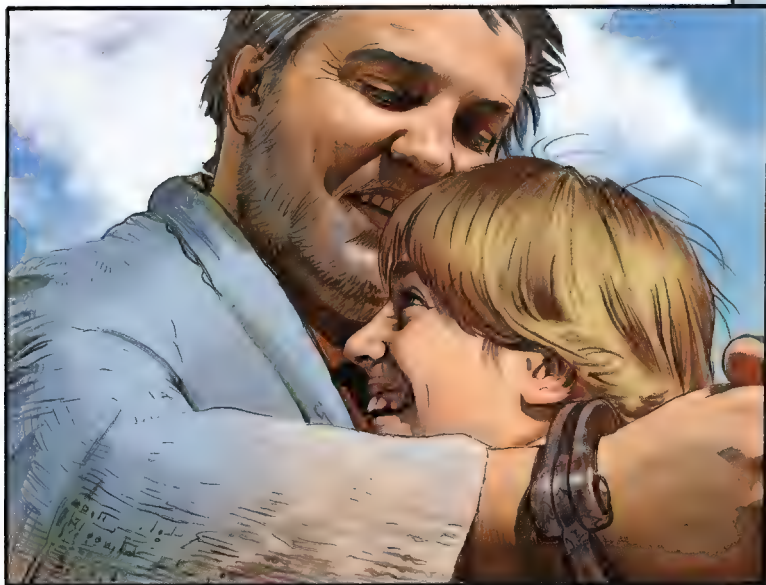
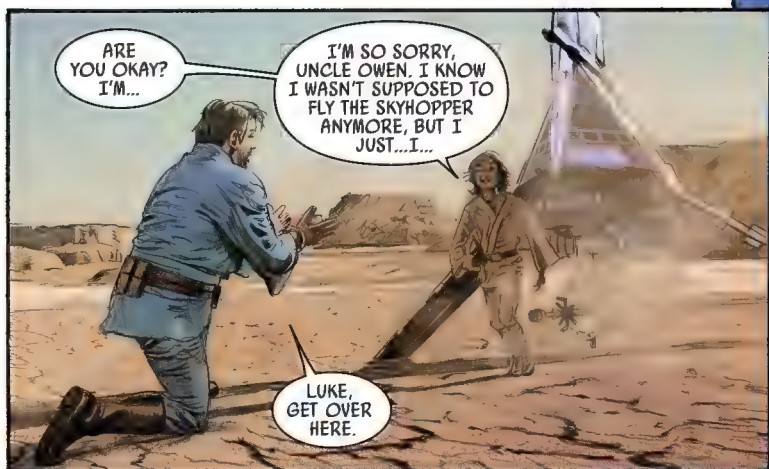
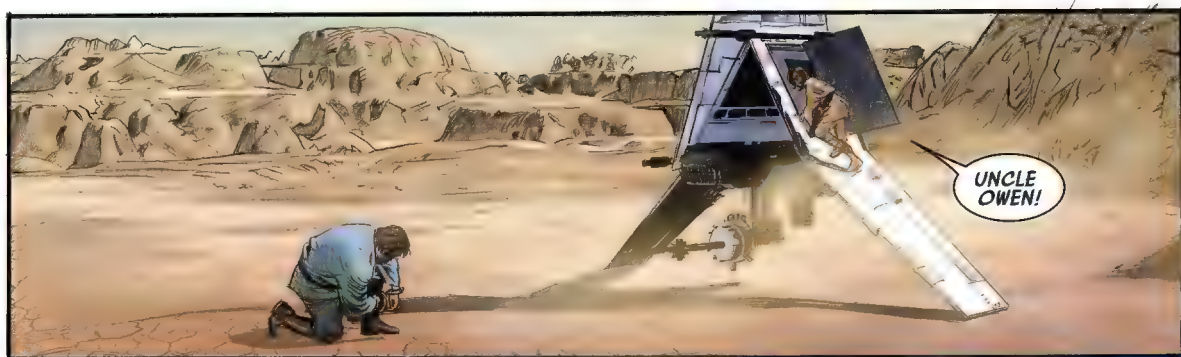
WWWRRROOOOWW!



GIVE UP, KRRSANTAN. YOU'RE BLINDED AND WOUNDED. YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY...



HHHHRRRAAAHH!



I SEARCHED FOR
KRRRSANTAN AMONG
THE ROCKS BUT FOUND
NO BODY. THEY BREED
THEM TOUGH ON
KASHYYYK.

HE HAD FLED OFF-WORLD,
IT WAS SAID. JABBA WAS
INCENSED, OF COURSE,
FEELING HE'D BEEN
BETRAYED BY THE
BOUNTY HUNTER.

IT WOULD BE A
LONG TIME BEFORE
KRRRSANTAN WAS
WELCOME ON
TATOOINE
AGAIN.



NOT A WORD WAS
SPOKEN BETWEEN
OWEN AND I.

I WAS JUST
HAPPY TO SEE HIM
SAFELY RETURNED
TO HIS FAMILY.



JUST AS I
RETURNED TO
MINE.

HELLO, NARA,
YOU'RE LOOKING
WELL TODAY.

WHAT'S THE
MATTER, DOLO?
WHY SO SAD?



LIFE CARRIED
ON. MUCH AS IT
ALWAYS HAD.

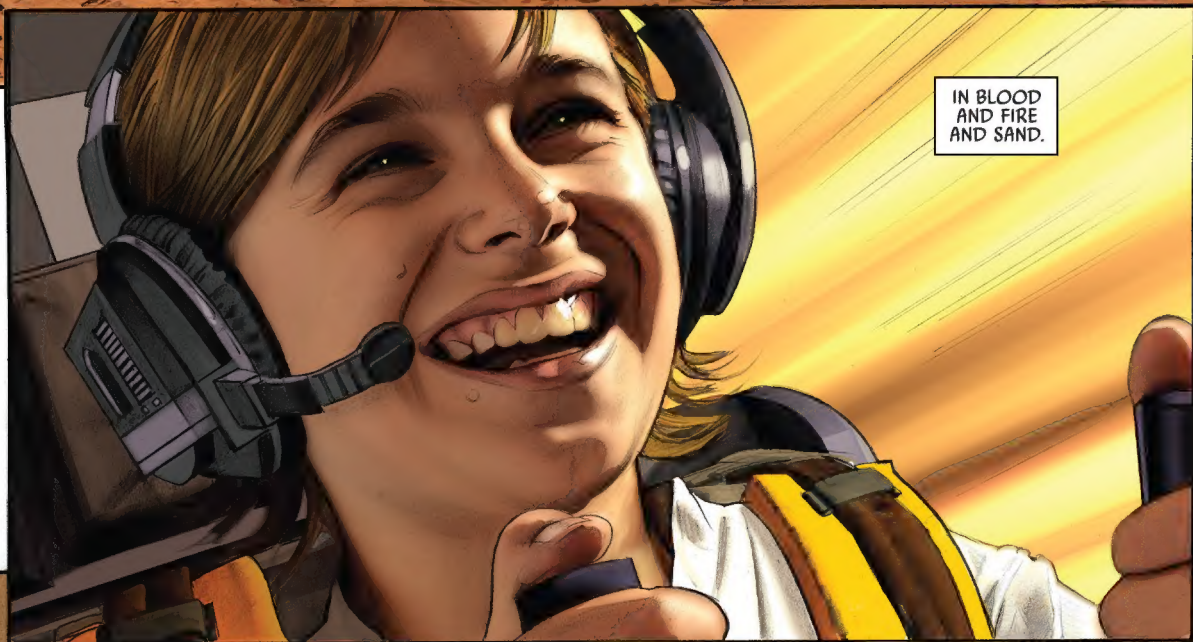
IN THIS HARSH AND
RUGGED PLACE,
WHERE ALL COULD
SEEM HOPELESS, BUT
WHERE SOMETIMES,
INEXPLICABLY...



...NEW HOPES
WERE FORGED.



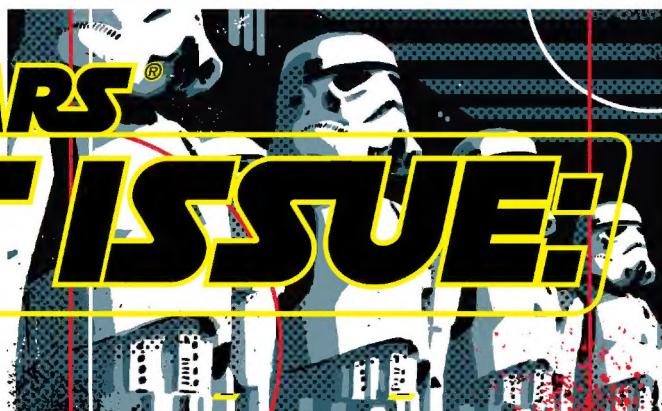
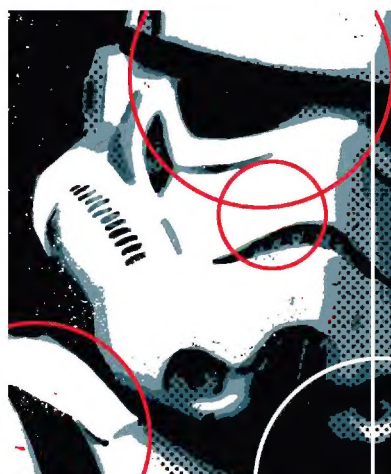
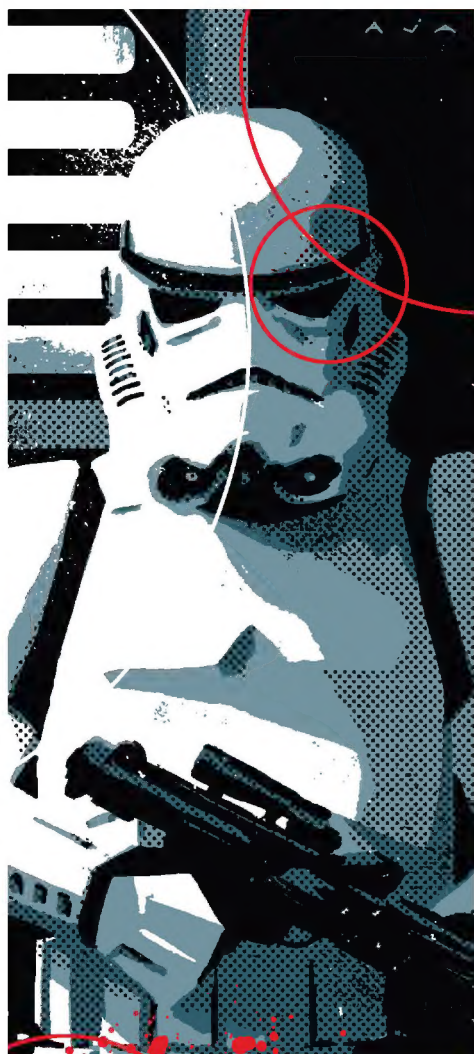
IN BLOOD
AND FIRE
AND SAND.



AND
SKY.



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THE SEVEN SEAS

With

**BLACK MANTA
EMPIRE**



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